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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6250**
Hikaru FUKUYAMA et al. : Docket No. 2001_0990A
Serial No. 09/890,021 : Group Art Unit 1732
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: